

Office of Science and Technology Policy Progress Report in Compliance with Executive Order 13175 on “Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments”

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This constitutes the Office of Science and Technology Policy’s (OSTP) progress report as required by Executive Order 13175 on “Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments.” This progress report has been submitted in accordance with the Executive Order’s progress report submission deadline or 270 days of the Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation, signed November 5, 2009. This progress report is due August 2, 2010 and is being prior to this deadline.

The following actions demonstrate that OSTP has remained consistent with its plan to develop a tribal consultation and coordination policy implementing Executive Order 13175:

- OSTP has posted its plan on the OSTP website to promote effective communication between the agency and tribal nations.
- OSTP has determined that it will use web-based technology, telephone calls, letters, email, and face-to-face meetings for its tribal consultations.
- Additionally, OSTP will collaborate and coordinate with other agencies to make the consultation process more efficient and effective for tribes. For example, joint agency consultation meetings with tribes may be useful on issues that affect multiple agencies. On January 12 and 14, 2010, OSTP attended via teleconference Department of the Interior tribal consultation sessions. During these sessions, tribes expressed frustration with the current processes for providing input on Federal programs. Tribes also expressed concern that they were not receiving responsive, timely feedback from the Federal Government. The insights shared during the January 2010 sessions are informing OSTP’s efforts to improve communication with tribes and refine consultation policy.

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